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Remarks

Reconsideration of remaining claims 1 and 5-8 is respectfully requested.

In the Office action dated July 31, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5-10 and 12-17 35 USC § 103(a). The Examiner further cited dependent claims 4 and 11 as containing patentable subject matter, but "objected to" as depending from a rejected base claim.

In response, applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 5 to include the subject matter of claims 4 and 11, respectively. Independent claim 5 has been further amended to include the subject matter of intervening claim 9. Various ones of the remaining dependent claims have been cancelled from this application. Additionally, claims 12-17 have been cancelled.

Inasmuch as the remaining, amended claims are now based upon allowable subject matter, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to review these claims and find them to be in condition for allowance. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not agree that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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